

## Gilbert Insists Election Law Can Stop Fraud

**Writes Voorhis That All It Needs Is to Have Officers Who Are Sympathetic With Its Provisions**

## Hotel Register Practical Explains How an Absolute Check on Deaths and Crimes Could Be Kept

A. S. Gilbert, special deputy attorney general in charge of elections, writing yesterday for Attorney General Newton to John R. Voorhis, Tammany president of the Board of Elections, who says it is impossible for the board to comply with the election law, suggests to Judge Voorhis that if the provisions of the law are carried out by officers sympathetic with it it will be tremendously useful in preventing fraudulent voting. His letter follows:

"I think you are entirely in error as to the practicability of the provisions of Section 52 of the Election Law. That section must be read in connection with Sections 60 and 61.

"Under Section 61 every keeper of a hotel, lodging house, boarding house or rooming house is required to keep a register showing the names and residence and the dates of arrival and departure of guests or lodgers, and the room, rooms or bed occupied by them, which register shall have a space on the same line in which each guest or lodger shall sign his name.

"Section 60 provides that whenever required by you the keeper of any hotel containing less than fifty rooms and of every lodging house, boarding house or rooming house and the owner or lessee of every dwelling or apartment shall make a report upon a blank form, which shall be furnished by you, containing a list giving the name of every person of twenty-one years of age and upward who resides in such hotel, lodging house, boarding house, rooming house, dwelling or apartment, the period that each has resided therein and such other information as you might require.

"These three sections, taken together, provide a rather comprehensive plan for what may be termed a permanent list of qualified voters, and I have no doubt that if carried out by officers sympathetic with the law, it would be tremendously useful, not alone in preventing fraudulent registration and voting, but in saving qualified voters much of the annoyance to which they are subjected in registering and voting.

"In addition to the provisions of the election law to which I have referred, it is perfectly easy for you to get a list of deaths and of conviction or crime in the city of New York

## Mondell Asks 2 Minutes To Applaud Congress

WASHINGTON, Sept. 20.—Two minutes to tell about the "work of the Congress" was asked to-day by Republican Leader Mondell, following the adoption of the adjournment resolution for next Friday.

"Doesn't the gentleman think one minute would be enough?" asked Democratic Leader Garrett. Mondell insisted the present Congress has accomplished more and disposed of more important legislation than has any previous Congress in American history. He then asked unanimous consent to extend his remarks in the Record.

Garr's immediately asked consent to extend his remarks on the subject, "The Non-Work of Congress." Meyer London's request that Mondell be given one hour's time in which to address the House on "the non-work of Congress" was ignored.

from the Health Department and from the District Attorneys of the various counties. It is quite possible, of course, that there may be convictions for crime in places outside of the city, of persons residing in New York City, and it probably is impossible to have an absolute check on such convictions, but, generally speaking, a list of convictions in the various counties of the city of New York would be a substantial compliance with the statute.

"I note your statement that the registration of 1921 is at present, at the request of your board, being rigidly and minutely investigated by visit and inquiries from house to house, of all persons registered for the last year. If this work is now being done, there is no necessity for my doing the same work. I would appreciate it, therefore, if you would let me know by return mail who is in charge of this work, so that I may get in touch, and co-operate with him."

The Honest Ballot Association issued a call yesterday to all civic bodies and individuals interested in preventing corrupt political bosses from stealing votes on Election Day to meet at the City Club this week. Announcement of the exact date will be made to-day.

## Haggin Promises Court He'll Pay Judgments

James Ben Ali Haggin, artist, creator of tableaux for Broadway musical comedy productions, and grandson of the late James Ben Ali Haggin, mine owner and turkman, against whom numerous judgments have been filed in the last year, promised in the City Court yesterday that he will settle these judgments as soon as certain trust deed arrangements will permit him to.

Mr. Haggin, now living at Tannersville, Greene County, N. Y., was examined in connection with a judgment for \$592 obtained against him by Julius Sachs. He expressed his anxiety to free himself of these obligations and said he had no objections to the appointment by the court of a receiver to take over any of his property that can be found.

Mr. Haggin has established certain trust funds for his wife and others with his share of his grandfather's estate, said to amount to about \$1,500,000, but his income from the estate, he contends, is only sufficient to pay his running expenses. When some of these funds expire, they will be available for the payment of the judgments.

## Hylan Frets Over Cropsey's Plea for Funds

**Mayor Says He Will Help People Eliminate Brooklyn Justice if Latter Seeks Renomination in 1930**

## Perturbed by Budget Raid "Have a Heart for the Taxpayers," Comments His Honor at Hearing

If Mayor Hylan lives until 1930 he is going to take the stump against Justice James C. Cropsey should the jurist seek renomination when his term expires. The Mayor made the threat at the budget hearing yesterday. His ire was aroused when the requests for several salary increases of attaches of the courts in the 2d Judicial District, Brooklyn, came up for consideration. The Mayor blamed Justice Cropsey, who is chairman of the judiciary committee, which recommended the increases.

Comptroller Craig referred to the budget of the Brooklyn justices as "Cropsey's budget."

"What's that name?" the Mayor inquired. "It's Cropsey's budget," replied the Comptroller. "Let's eliminate some of it."

"The people will eliminate him naturally when he comes up for office," said the Mayor. "If I am alive I'll take the stump against Cropsey."

"Opinion Clerk" Raise Asked Among the increases that attracted the Mayor's attention were several for \$1,000, one for \$750 and one for \$500. It was proposed to increase the salary of the "opinion clerk" from \$5,000 to \$6,000 a year.

"Whom does the opinion clerk give an opinion to?" inquired Borough President Julius Miller of Manhattan. "Why," said the Mayor, with a broad smile, "he gives them to the judges and they write them."

The Mayor declared the proposed increases in the Brooklyn courts were "tremendous," and would all tend to raise the tax rate. At the Mayor's request the Board of Estimate deferred action on the court budget. The Mayor suggested that the budget be referred back to Justice Cropsey to give him "a chance to make a correction."

The Mayor again became perturbed when a representative of the Surrogate of Kings County asked for permission to raise salaries of several attaches amounting to several thousand dollars. "Nothing but increases," commented the Mayor. "Some people are mighty liberal with other people's money. You go over and ask the Surrogate to have some heart for the taxpayer."

The budget requests for 1923 submitted by Dr. Royal S. Copeland, for the Health Department, showed an increase of \$927,508 over the appropriation for this year. The requested appropriation for the department is \$6,412,173. Dr. Copeland said he needed the increase for additional nurses to attend expectant mothers in the poorer districts of the city. He estimated that the department would be able to effect a 15 per cent decrease in the infant death rate during the year if the additional nurses were allowed.

Thomas F. Smith, Public Administrator and secretary of Tammany Hall,

## Mystery House and Brother of the Slain Rector's Wife



The old Phillips farm residence, outside New Brunswick, N. J., near which the bodies of the Rev. Edward Hall and Mrs. Eleanor Mills were found, was searched by detectives on the theory it might have been used as a love rendezvous by the slain rector and the choir singer. Below is Willie Stevens, brother of Mrs. Hall.

asked for salary increases for three employees of his office and the creation of two additional positions. Mr. Smith pointed out that there were about 1,100 unsettled estates in this county and he wanted a filing clerk and an assistant bookkeeper to help clear them up. He said he would come back to the board and ask that the places be abolished when the work was done. He declared his office had turned into the city treasury \$145,000 more in six years than had been appropriated for its expenses, and a little additional help would result in further gains for the city. Mayor Hylan, however, declared that he was against any increases. Action on the matter was postponed. The budget hearings will be resumed to-day.

**Federal Coal Bureau Urged to Aid Industry** Floyd Parsons in Speech Before Advertising Men Advocates Secretary of Mines

Floyd Parsons said yesterday, at a luncheon of the Advertising Club of New York, that the coal situation was worse at present, and relief apparently further removed, than at any time during the last six months. He advocated the appointment of a secretary of mines in the Cabinet and a Federal bureau of coal economics, to reorganize the industry and supervise the construction of hydro-electric plants. The coal resources of the country were being depleted at an alarming rate, he said, and the fuel problem of the future would be a serious one unless hydro-electric power was developed in accordance with well-laid plans.

"The resources of the country would enable such plants to be built for the aggregate development of 60,000,000 horsepower," he said, and for each horsepower unit ten tons of coal would be saved annually and \$100 worth of railroad equipment released.

"We must establish a Federal bureau of coal economics," he said, "which shall furnish all the facts pertaining to fuel industries, such as wages, prices and quantities of coal on hand. It should be the duty of this bureau to furnish us with an emergency fuel supply in order to protect us from internal industrial wars."

**Sir Basil Blackett to Come To U. S. With Debt Mission** LONDON, Sept. 20.—Sir Basil Blackett, Controller of Finance at the Treasury, is expected to accompany Sir Robert S. Horne, Chancellor of the Exchequer, on his visit to the United States to discuss the funding of Great Britain's debt and to regulate jointly with the American Treasury officials the entire question of the issuance of bonds and the rate of interest on them. The important point of a sinking fund for the debt may not be considered if the British government decides to retire the bonds as they come due.

**Coast-to-Coast Flyers Due To Leave San Antonio To-day** SAN ANTONIO, Tex., Sept. 20.—The army dirigible C-2, which arrived at

## Fleeing Autos Heard After Hall Murder

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to know about these murders are mixed in. The full story will break all at one time. I'm going to get the murderer, and quickly. This case is as easy as rolling a match off a table."

By way of illustration Detective David leaned forward and flicked a half-burned match to the floor.

"Everybody's talking about automobiles," he said. "Did you ever hear about a green automobile? Huh! I thought not. Well, wait."

Then David swore an oath that he personally would get the murderer.

**No Trespassing Sign Posted**

David did not participate in the search of the old Phillips farmhouse. That was done by Detective Totten and two state troopers had been there twenty-four hours before him. Mr. Stricker, in commenting on this house of mystery, said that he had been told some time before the murders that bootleggers and gamblers were using the house as a meeting place. Its situation on the county line would make it decidedly attractive to such people. The ownership of the house was cleared up to-day by an examination of the records in the office of the Clerk of Somerset County. Samuel Levin is the owner of record. Late this afternoon employees of his tacked signs on the building which stated that trespassing was forbidden.

Mr. Levin explained to-day that he had not really meant that Joseph H. Porter had been in the sale of the farm. Mr. Porter is an officer of the National Bank of New Jersey and is trustee of Willie Stevens' estate. "I made a 5 per cent commission on the property by having it appear that the sale was to Mr. Porter," said Levin to-day.

"I'm the owner, and I'm going to cut the farm up into building lots."

Mr. Porter, however, continued to deny himself to reporters. His wife told inquirers that he was either out or ill.

Louis Ruck, a taxicab chauffeur, provided the authorities with confirmation of their suspicion that Rector Hall had paid other visits to the Phillips farm prior to last Thursday night. Ruck said that on August 27, about dusk, he saw the minister's sedan parked in De Russy Lane, which skirts the Phillips farm. He said he was driving back toward town a short time afterward, when he passed the car again. That time the minister was driving, and seated next to him was a woman the chauffeur did not recognize.

**Woman Heard Cars Pass**

The two automobiles that raced from the murder scene were heard by Mrs. Estelle Jones, who lives in George Street, on the bank of the canal and but a short distance from the Phillips farm. Mrs. Jones said she heard screams and shots, and very soon afterward heard the two automobiles roaring down Landing Lane. The cars swerved into George Street and flashed past her home so quickly that she had no time to discern the occupants or even the make of the cars.

Seeking more information about the habits and customs of the Stevens family, investigators went to-day to Lavallette, a seacoast village forty miles from here, where Henry Stevens lives. He is Mrs. Hall's brother. He is fifty-two years old, and until he retired, about two years ago, was a small arms expert for the Remington Arms Com-

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pany and the Du Ponts. In the large house he occupies at the shore he has a room filled with a collection of modern guns. Mr. Stevens is also something of an amateur astronomer. He was reported to be in New Brunswick to-day. F. S. Mellinger, who lives two doors from him in Lavallette, said that last Thursday night he and Mr. Stevens were fishing in Egan's Bay until 11 o'clock.

## Rio Flyers to Visit Boston

LISBON, Sept. 20.—The Portuguese aviators, Sacadura and Coutinho, who recently completed a flight from Lisbon to Rio de Janeiro, plan to leave for Boston, Massachusetts after their arrival here from South America, on the cruiser Carvalhao Arco. They will remain in Boston twenty days.

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